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TAGS: MARR, PGOV, ASEC, PREL, VE
SUBJECT: SITREP NO. 4/ ATTEMPTED COUP IN CARACAS

REF: CARACAS 12435 (AND PREVIOUS)

1. MINISTER OF INTERIOR, LUIS PINERUA ORDAZ, IN A NATIONAL BROADCAST AT 08:29 A.M., TOLD THE NATION THAT THE "ATTEMPTED COUP IS A TOTAL FAILURE." THE MINISTER BLAMED A SMALL GROUP OF MILITARY, "LINKED TO SUBVERSIVE GROUPS GOING BACK TO THE 1960'S", FOR THE EVENTS TAKING

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PLACE.

2. THE MINISTER INSISTED THAT THE GROUP ATTEMPTING THE COUP "IS NOT MILITARY, BUT RATHER OF THE EXTREME LEFT." THE ARMED FORCES, THE MINISTER CONTINUED, "REMAIN LOYAL." HE SAID THEY ARE ABOUT TO RETAKE THE TELEVISION STATIONS, AND ASKED EVERYBODY "TO STAY IN PLACE" SO AS TO ALLOW THE GOV TO DO "ITS WORK" OF PROTECTING DEMOCRACY.

3. AS OF 09:00, SHOOTING HAS RESUMED IN GENERAL

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VICINITY OF EMBASSY (WHICH IS ABOUT A QUARTER MILE FROM LA CARLOTA AIRPORT. LA CARLOTA IS APPARENTLY IN REBEL HANDS, OR MAY BE CONTESTED; EMBASSY OBSERVERS FROM THE ROOF SEE ARMORED UNITS (APPARENTLY LOYAL FORCES) SURROUNDING LA CARLOTA AND APPARENTLY PREPARING AN ASSAULT.

4. RADIO NEWS CARRIES A STATEMENT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CHANNEL 8 TV, ASKING THAT AMBULANCES COME TO THE LOCATION BECAUSE THE STATION HAS BEEN BOMBED (APPARENTLY BY LOYALIST AIRCRAFT). THERE ARE 2 DEAD AND 4 WOUNDED AT THE STATION. THE DIRECTOR ALSO SAID THAT REMAINING REBELS AT THE TV STATION WISHED TO SURRENDER.

5. EMBASSY HAS BEEN TOLD BY TWO SOURCES THAT MIRAFLORES PALACE WAS BOMBED BY REBELS, PROBABLY BY OV-10'S. THIS IS FIRST INDICATION WE HAVE THAT OV-10'S ARE IN REBEL HANDS. MINISTER OF DEFENSE GEN. JIMENEZ HAS MADE A RADIO STATEMENT, SAYING THAT LOYAL FORCES WILL SHOOT DOWN REBEL AIRCRAFT WITH GROUND FIRE.

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